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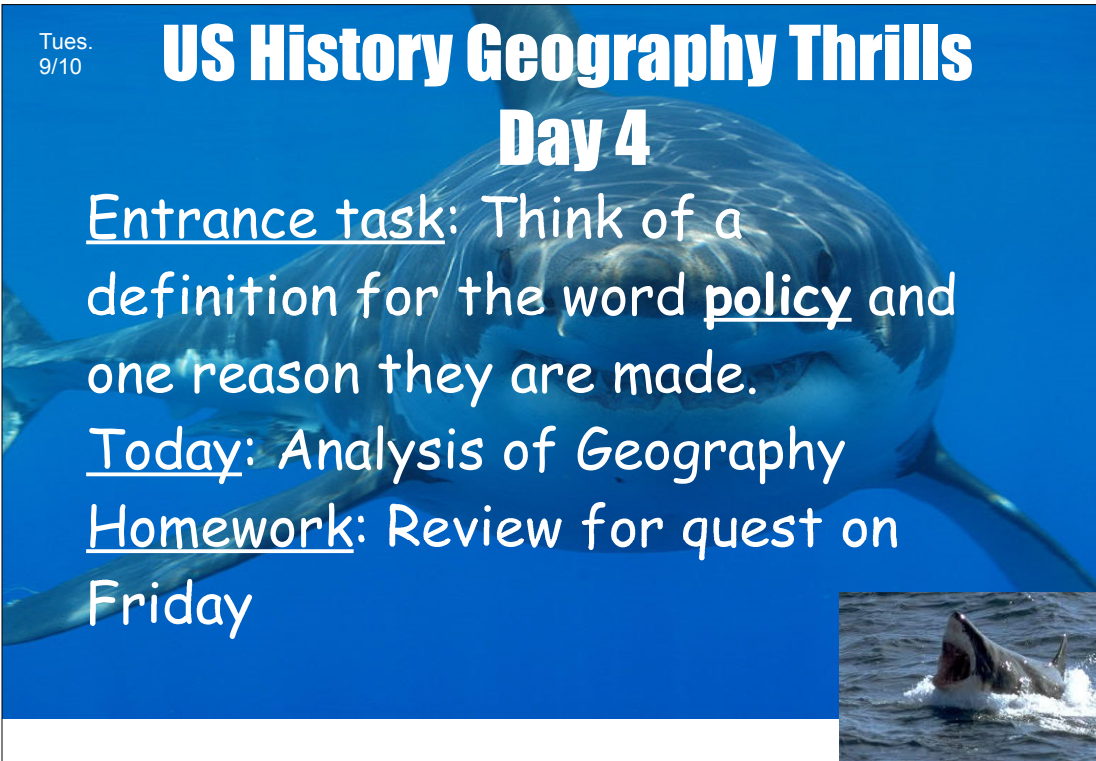
US History Geography Thrills

Day 4

Entrance task: Think of a definition for the word policy and one reason they are made.


Today: Analysis of Geography

Homework: Review for quest on Friday



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Policy



Definition of POLICY

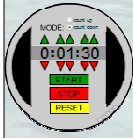
- 1 a** : prudence or wisdom in the management of affairs
b : management or procedure based primarily on material interest
- 2 a** : a definite course or method of action selected from among alternatives and in light of given conditions to guide and determine present and future decisions
b : a high-level overall plan embracing the general goals and acceptable procedures especially of a governmental body

<http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/policy>

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Political, Social and Economic effects of geography on **POLICIES** of the U.S.A.

With a partners & your packet (p. 10-11):





- * rotate around the 8 stations when the horn blows
- * read the info on each US policy and complete the matrix on page 10 and 11
- * decide what geographic theme was a factor in the policy (Let's Push More Heavy Rocks)
- * when you finish, rank the 8 events by those having the greatest and least impact on the USA




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Station Number	Action	Historical circumstances that resulted in the action	Influence of a geographic feature on the action.	Impact of the action on the United States.
1	Panama Canal 1903 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> During the S-A war, U.S. ships had to travel around S. America to reach Cuba. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Isthmus of Panama was located in the middle of the Western Hemisphere, and was narrow enough to dig a canal through. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> U.S. controls the Canal Zone until 1999. Transportation, communication, and commerce are improved within the Western Hemisphere.
2	Monroe Doctrine 1823 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The United States is fearful of European powers establishing powerful colonies in the Western Hemisphere. The U.S. also has interests in controlling the nations of the W. Hemisphere. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Atlantic Ocean separated the nations of the Western Hemisphere from Europe. Although the U.S. was not militarily strong enough to enforce the Monroe Doctrine, the distance of Europe from the W. Hemisphere combined with the threat was enough of a <u>deterrence</u>. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The United States becomes the "policeman" of the Western Hemisphere.





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3	Acquisition of the Philippines 1898 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By defeating Spain in the Spanish-American War, the U.S. took over Spanish colonial possessions of Cuba, Puerto Rico and the Philippines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The U.S. needed colonies in the Pacific Ocean to act as "way stations" for the trip to China. The Philippines provided a convenient location for military bases. The Philippines had resources that the U.S. industries could use. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The U.S. fights a three-year civil war to subdue the Philippines. We occupy the Philippines until July 4, 1946. Important military bases during the Cold War.
4	Louisiana Purchase 1803 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The U.S. wanted to buy New Orleans from the French to avoid having to pay duties for using the Mississippi River. Napoleon offers President Jefferson the Louisiana Territory, including the Mississippi River. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Louisiana Purchase would more than double the size of the U.S. The Mississippi River was a very valuable piece of real estate. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The size of the U.S. doubles. Transportation, communication and commerce improve due to control of the river. A precedent is set that the President can act outside of the boundaries of the Constitution. The national debt is created.

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5	Homestead Act 1862 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The federal government wanted to populate the Great Plains. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because the plains were so vast and desolate, no one wanted to move out there. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 500,000 people move out to the Great Plains thereby establishing a huge agricultural sector. The Buffalo and the Native Americans are pushed onto reservations.
6	Transcontinental Railroad Act 1850 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The federal government wanted to connect the east and west coasts with the railroad. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Because the distance between the east and west coasts was so far, travel by horse or wagon was very slow. The United States was becoming two separate nations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The nation is linked by the railroad. Transportation, communication and commerce improve. The Buffalo and the Native Americans are pushed onto reservations.
7	Interstate Highway Act 1956 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The rise of the automobile culture in the 1900s caused traffic and congestion on the outdated state highways. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Like the Transcontinental Railroad Act, the large distance between the east and west coasts necessitated government assistance in building a better transportation route. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transportation, communication, and commerce improve. Emergency airstrips and evacuation routes are established in the event of war.

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8	<div>Erie Canal 1825</div> <div></div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Need to connect the farms of the Mid-West to NYC.• Federal government would no longer provide funds for infrastructure projects. The state had to do it.</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Canal would connect the Hudson River to Lake Erie, thus connecting NYC to Ohio.</div>	<div><ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commerce improves• Cities rise- NYC, Buffalo, Rochester, Chicago, Detroit ^{Windsor}• N.E. farmers go out of business.</div>
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